In addition, a separate scheme on production of certified seeds of vegetables has been started in 1995-96.

(2) Central Sector. Scheme on Promot ing Cultivation of Root & Tuber

Crops: The scheme envisages setting up of Main/Sub-bio Centres for producing seedling tubers from Trune Potato Seed and multiplying nucleus and improved planting material of other root & tuber crops, distribution of planting material through minkits and laying out of demonostration plots in the farmers fields.

(3) Use of Plastics in Agriculture:—

Under this scheme the assistance is available for green houses, drip irrigation and mulching.

(4) Development of Infrastructure for Post Harvest Management of Fruits & Vegetables:—

Under this scheme assistance is available from National Horticulture Board.

Besides, the efforts are being made by State Governments for increasing production of vegetables.

Retention price scheme for fertilizer units

1428. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR, RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a major policy initiative to reduce the fertilizer subsidy, Government are planning to put a cap on capital expenditure, which fertilizer units claim from the Government under the retention price scheme;

(b) if so, whether the Government have also strictly monitored production levels at plants to prevent manufacturers from artificially inflating their capacity utilisation;

(c) whether Government plans to soften the blow by increasing the rate of return on equity from 12 per cent to 16 per cent to bring the fertilizer manufacturers at par with their counterparts in the power sector; and

(d) if so, when the same is likely to be finally decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (d) No such decision has been taken.

Urdu University at Hyderabad

1429. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Urdu University is being established as a Central University at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, by when the University will start functioning;

(c) whether it will be an All India University and which are the faculties it proposes to promote; and

(d) whether this University will be an affiliated University, or purely a residential University;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Bill to establish and incorporate the Maulana Azad National Urdu University at Hyderabad has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on August 24, 1995.

(c) The jursidication of the University shall extend to the whole of India. The Universwity shall promote and develop Urdu language and import vocational and technical education in Urdu medium through conventional teaching the distance education system.

(d) Though this will be non-affiliating unversity, it shall have powers to organise suitable distance education programmes.